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NEWS IN BRIEF

SEATTLE, (AP)—The passenger ship Alaska has been returned to Alaska Steamship company by Northland Transportation company, officials disclosed yesterday. Northland had the vessel under charter since June, 1947.

Meanwhile, Alaska Steamship company turned back two of its chartered freighters—the Jumper Hitch and the Reef Knot—to the maritime commission. The Jumper Hitch was turned back Friday; the Reef Knot Monday night.

WEST HARTFORD, Conn., (AP) Oliver P. M. Hubbard, 92, once a United States attorney in Alaska where he was second president of the Territory Senate, died here Monday at the home of his granddaughter.

Hubbard, a graduate of Butler and Georgetown universities, also practiced law for many years in Chicago.

He leaves his daughter, Mrs. De White, B. Libbey, and three grandchildren.

BULLETIN

TEHRAN, Iran, (AP)—Two hundred persons were killed and thousands injured by an earthquake last midnight, a dispatch from Meshed said today.

Damage was reported great. The dispatch said parts of the famous Meshed Mosque called Gowharshad collapsed.

Meshed is the capital of Khorasan province, in eastern Iran.

SEATTLE, (AP)—Phil Truckey, veteran Alaska freight official, was appointed Monday to serve as general agent in Seattle for the Alaska Railroad emergency shipping program.

Truckey will head the administrative staff for the government agency at Pier 50 during the barge shipping program, L. A. Moore, assistant to the general manager, said.

SEATTLE, (AP)—Celebrating the 50th year of the world-wide stamper to the Klondike, the annual banquet of the Alaska Yukon Pioneers will be held November 6, at the Masonic Temple.

The Alaska Yukon Pioneers Cabin No. 1 is an affiliate of the Sourdough International, which extends throughout the United States and Canada.

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, (AP)—King Phumphon Adulet of Siam may lose the sight of his right eye as the result of an automobile accident near here Monday, a member of his staff said today.

The spokesman said the 19-year-old monarch is "completely out of danger" but the condition of his right eye is regarded as serious.

The king's injuries, mainly facial, were caused when a midget car he was driving crashed into the rear of a truck.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Jackson who have been mining in the Solomon area, near the Quigley camp, arrived home this week.

Diomedes Natives Long Overdue from Russian Visit

NOME, (AP)—Thirteen American Eskimos were reported long overdue today on their annual trading trip across the Bering Straits to the Siberian mainland.

The report came from a radio operator, Roger Menadelook, on Little Diomedes Island in the middle of the Straits.

He said that the island storekeeper, Elmer Elsanga, and a dozen other men left the American island early this summer. Traveling in a large native skinboat, they were to go to the nearby Siberian Diomedes Island and then go on to the Soviet mainland. He added in reports to Nome. The mainland is only about 40 miles away at the nearest town.

The radio operator said the group is now more than two months overdue.

He said one old native on the little American island thought that the group might have been caught in the ice floes, always prevalent in the Straits, and been unable to return. Others, he said, discounted the view.

Strikers Agree To Work Alaska Bound Ships

SEATTLE, (AP)—Local leaders of the five striking west coast maritime unions have offered to sail all Alaska vessels.

William Gettings, regional representative for the CIO international longshoremen's and warehousemen's union, said after a meeting with Mayor William F. Devin Monday that:

"The unions will sign interim agreements to work every ship in the Alaska fleet under the same terms as the Nome supply ship. If there is any more we can do, we'd like to know what it is."

The Nome relief ship, the freighter Square Sinnet, sailed last week under a special agreement between the unions and the Alaska Steamship company. It provided retroactivity on any wage increases and other benefits obtained in a final West Coast settlement.

Officials of the three major Alaska shipping companies said they had not been notified of the unions' offer. They have, however, signed contracts with the waterfront employers association which has refused to negotiate with unions whose officials have not signed the Taft-Hartley law's non-communist affidavits.

The mayor met with officials of the northwest joint action committee, representing the unions on strike, at request of the unions involved, he said.

Mayor Devin recently wrote identical letters to Harry Bridges, longshore union chief, and Frank P. Foisie, head of the waterfront employers association, asking both sides to work out shipping relief for Alaska.

Mayor Devin made it plain that

International News At A Glance

(By The Associated Press)
(Tuesday, October 5, 1948)

The Soviets notified the western powers yesterday they will hold parachute practice in the air corridor which American and British planes use to supply Berlin. The British protested a new case of a Russian fighter buzzing a British air lift plane.

(BERLIN)—Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U. S. military governor, said the west can keep the air lift going into Berlin indefinitely and supply the 2,500 Germans in the western zones of the city with minimum needs in food and coal. Since the blockade was imposed in June, U. S. and British planes had flown in 231,191 tons of supplies and now are delivering 4,500 tons a day.

Clay said recovery in western Europe eventually will break the blockade since Russia and her Iron Curtain satellites will have to trade eventually with the west. The blockade has worked two ways, squeezing also the East.

(LONDON)—The chiefs of staff of the five western European alliance countries met in London to coordinate defenses. U. S. officials said the appointment of Field Marshal Lord Montgomery of Britain as military chief of the nations—Britain, France and the low countries—was one of the key moves necessary before the U. S. can "associate" itself with the defense union. The United States is expected to finance the strengthening of military power of the alliances.

(WASHINGTON)—U. S. authorities considered retaliatory moves to the Russian order limiting the movement of U. S. and other foreign diplomats in Russia to the city limits of Moscow. The 290 officials and employees of Russia have free movement anywhere in the U. S. Some Washington officials

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Favor Cleveland In World Series

BOSTON, (AP)—Sportswriters who took a last look at the tune-up of both teams today were putting Cleveland down at 30 to 16 series favorite.

The Associated Press polled the sports experts as Cleveland and Boston went through their final workouts and found 30 writers riding with the Indians. Sixteen were going along with the Braves but most of them felt it would take Boston seven games to do it.

The Indians' piers numbered 17 who forecast a six-game win and 11 who thought Cleveland would take it in five.

BOSTON, (AP)—Johnny Sain hurled first 1-0 world's series shutout since 1923 today when he blanked Cleveland's Bobby Feller, to give the Boston Braves the opening game of the series before 40,135 fans.

Cleveland 000 000 000 040
Boston 000 000 01x 132
Batteries Feller, Hegan, Sain and Salkeld.

NWA. FAIR OPENS TONIGHT

Pitchblende Found Here Many Years Ago

NOME, (AP)—A veteran prospector said today that uranium-bearing minerals were found years ago in several areas of Northwestern Alaska.

His statement followed by a day the announcement of another prospector that radioactive minerals have been located just across the Bering Sea from Siberia.

Oscar Margraf, old-time prospector said finds of radioactive ores were made many years ago in the Seward Peninsula area. He added that uranium minerals were located in many other areas of Northwest Alaska in the quest for gold but were left to be relocated in this later age when the value of the minerals became known.

Louis C. Stringer, Alaska prospector who now lives in Newark, N. J., reported yesterday that deposits of "considerable" size were located less than 100 miles from Nome.

Margraf said today that two Nome businessmen—Dr. Maxwell Kennedy, a dentist, and William Munz, an airplane operator—sent out samples through Stringer and received exceptional reports on the geiger count from government laboratories.

Truman Promises To Replace Taft-Hartley Law

(By Ernest B. Vaccaro)

Aboard Truman Campaign Train (AP)—President Truman opened his third campaign tour today with a promise that the Democrats, if elected, will write "decent Democratic labor legislation" to replace the Taft-Hartley act passed over his veto.

Mr. Truman made his promise at Wilmington, Del., first stop enroute to Philadelphia where he will make a major address in convention hall at 6:30 p.m.

"Back in President Hoover's (Continued on Page Seven)

Typhoon Kills 800 In China

CANTON, China (AP)—Press dispatches reaching here yesterday said 800 persons were killed when a typhoon struck Leichow Peninsula and the Pakhoi, Kwangchow and Hoihow areas Sept. 27.

The reports said 600 persons perished when the typhoon sank more than 100 fishing boats near Leichow. Another 200 were killed when 70 salt laden sailing junks were destroyed near Pakhoi.

Heavy damage and casualties also were inflicted by torrential rain which inundated the area around Hainan island.

With the Native Potlatch to be held in the Nome High School gymnasium tonight at 7:30 p.m., the grand opening of the Northwestern Alaska Fair will be off to a big start.

The Natives of the Arctic Native Brotherhood and the auxiliary the Native Sisterhood will entertain visiting natives.

The program scheduled tonight will include talks, games and songs and a few numbers by the 752nd Air Force Band. Bandmaster Ch W/O Arthur A. Jason, stated that the 24-piece band will play for all events during the four days of the Fair and at other occasions to be announced.

The band flew in from Anchorage yesterday on an army transport plane and were busy last evening getting tuned up for Nome's big occasion.

As an extra special feature of the Northwestern Alaska Fair's program it has been announced that Marguerite Renfrew, an outstanding organist, will arrive in time to play for the dance on Saturday evening and will also give a concert on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

Marguerite Renfrew is bringing with her an electric Hammond Organ from the Aleutian Conservatory of Music of Anchorage and will arrive with the Alaska Airlines.

Prompted by Nome's wholehearted support of the Washington Glee Club last spring the Fair manager C. D. Anderson, feels that Nome will welcome the opportunity of hearing the fine concert of classical, semi-classical and popular music by this well known artist.

The Fair Board is in receipt of a shipment of Matanuska products which are to be placed on exhibit in the Fair and it is understood, will then be sold.

Hurricane Hits Havana; Does Much Damage

(By Jose Arroyo Maldonado)
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

HAVANA, (AP)—(By telephone to Miami)—Preliminary reports indicated several hundred persons were injured by a hurricane which lashed Havana around 5 a.m. yesterday.

Communication were out between Havana and Pinar Del Rio in the western Cuba cigar tobacco area, which apparently was in the path of the storm.

It appears there were several hundred persons injured in Havana alone. Property damage in Havana was heavy, and glass littered Avenida de Italia, better known as Galeano, in the heart of the business district.

In the tin can cardboard community better known as Llegu y Pon (Arrive and settle down), loss (Continued on Page Four)